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THE REFORMED CHURCH,



IN THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1875.

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.



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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1875.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
	New Moon.		Full Moon.		Ram.		Lion.		Bowman.	♄ Saturn.	♀ Venus.
	First Quarter.		Last Quarter.		Bull.		Virgin.		Goat.	♃ Jupiter.	☿ Mercury.
					Twins.		Balance.		Waterman.	♂ Mars.	☾ Moon.
					Cancer.		Scorpion.		Fishes.	☼ Sun.	♁ Herschel.

♌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
 ⊕ Sexile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
 ♌ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

The Latin Names of the Signs of the Zodiac are:

Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), Gemini (Twins), Cancer (Crab), Leo (Lion), Virgo (Virgin), Libra (Balance), Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittarius (Bowman), Capricornus (Goat), Aquarius (Waterman), Pisces (Fishes).

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, C. Golden Number, 14. Epact, 23. Solar Cycle, 8. Roman Indiction, 3. Julian Period, 6583.

The Jewish Era commences with their 5636 year, the 30th of September, 1875.
 The Mohamedan Era commences with their 1292 year, the 7th of February, 1875.

MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 24.	Palm Sunday, March 21.	Trinity Sunday, May 23.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 7.	Easter Sunday, March 28.	Corpus Christi, May 27.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9.	Ascension Day, May 6.	First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Whit Sunday, May 16.	Sundays after Trinity are 26.

EMBER DAYS.

February 17. May 19. September 15. December 15.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

Vernal Equinox, ☉ enters ♈ March 20th, 7 o'clock, 16 min. Evening.
 Summer Solstice, " " ♊ June 21st, 4 " 21 " Afternoon.
 Autumnal Equinox, " " ♏ Sept. 23d, 6 " 35 " Morning.
 Winter Solstice, " " ♐ Dec. 22d, 12 " 12 " Morning.
 (♃) Jupiter is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1875.

There will be two Eclipses this year, both of the Sun.
 The first is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, April 6th, 1 o'clock, 30 min. in the morning, therefore invisible here; visible in Africa, Asia, and Indian Ocean.
 The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun—September 29th, 6 o'clock, 15 min. in the morning, visible. The Sun rises eclipsed, and ends at 7 o'clock, 11 min. in the morning. At Boston the Sun will be annularly eclipsed.

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JANUARY, 1st Month, 31 Days. 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 New Year.	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	12 44		5 ♃ ♄ ♀ ♁ ♃ in apo. ♄.	47 23 4	37 9 23		
Saturday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	Phil. 2: 1-11	1 49		7 ♄ rises 12 36 [♄]	47 23 4	37 10 12		
1] Sunday after New Year, Luke 2: 33-40; Rom. 6: 12-18. Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.									
Sunday	3 Gordius	John 1: 29-34	2 59		19 ♃ rises 12 40	57 23 4	37 11 6		
Monday	4 Titus	" 1: 38-51	4 19		2 ♄ ♃ ♀ ♀ rises 4 46	57 22 4	38 11 48		
Tuesday	5 Simeon	" 2:	5 10		16 Sirius south 11 32	67 22 4	38 12 30		
Wednesday	6 Epiphany.	" 3:	6 19		0 Orion so. 10 38 ♃	67 21 4	39 1 12		
Thursday	7 Widukind	" 4:	♃ sets.		14 7th. ♄ ♃ ♄ ♄ ris.	77 20 4	40 1 54		
Friday	8 Severinus	" 5:	5 50		29 Neptune sta'y. [12 18	77 20 4	40 2 42		
Saturday	9 Catharine Zell	" 6: 1-25	6 59		13 ♄ ♃ ♄ ♄ sets 6 49	77 19 4	41 3 30		
2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.									
Sunday	10 Paul of Thebes	John 6: 26-71	8 8		28 ♀ in Perihelion	87 19 4	41 4 18		
Monday	11 Fructuosus	" 7:	9 22		13 ♀ rises 4 28	87 18 4	42 5 8		
Tuesday	12 Jean Chastellian	" 8: 1-20	10 36		27 Rigel south 9 34	97 18 4	42 5 48		
Wednesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 21-50	11 44		12 ♀ gr. brilliancy	97 17 4	43 6 32		
Thursday	14 Felix	" 9:	morn.		26 14th. ♄. 7* so. 8 0	97 17 4	43 7 30		
Friday	15 John de Laski	" 10: 1-21	12 55		10 ♄ ♀ ☉ Superior	107 16 4	44 8 16		
Saturday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 22-42	2 5		23 ♃ rises 12 26	107 15 4	45 9 4		
3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany, John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 32 min.									
Sunday	17 Anthony	Mark 1: 1-20	3 12		6 ♃ in per. ♄ sets 11 50	117 14 4	46 9 48		
Monday	18 John Blackader	" 1: 21-45	4 21		19 ☐ Neptune ☉	117 13 4	47 10 36		
Tuesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 2:	5 26		2 ♀ rises 4 9	117 12 4	48 11 31		
Wednesday	20 Fabian	" 3: 1-19	6 27		15 ☐ ♄ ☉. ☉ ent. ☉	117 11 4	49 12 29		
Thursday	21 Agnes	" 3: 20-35	♃ rises.		27 21st. ♀ gr. Hel.	127 11 4	49 1 28		
Friday	22 Vincent	" 4:	5 55		9 ♄ sets 6 8 [Lat. S.	127 10 4	50 2 18		
Saturday	23 Isaiah	" 5: 6: 1-6	6 46		21 ♃ rises 12 18	127 9 4	51 3 10		
4] Septuagesima Sunday, Matth. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.									
Sunday	24 Timothy	Mark 6: 7-29	7 33		3 Spica rises 11 25	127 8 4	52 3 54		
Monday	25 Paul's Convers.	" 6: 30-56	8 30		15 Sirius south 10 10	137 7 4	53 4 42		
Tuesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 1-23	9 28		27 ♀ rises 3 58	137 6 4	54 5 31		
Wednesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 7: 24-37	10 26		9 ♄ ♀ ♄. Capella s. 8 28	137 5 4	55 6 19		
Thursday	28 Charlemagne	" 8:	11 25		21 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ ri. 11 21	137 4 4	56 7 9		
Friday	29 Juventin	" 9:	morn.		3 29th. ☉ in apo. ☉	147 3 4	57 7 52		
Saturday	30 Henry Müller	" 10: 1-31	12 24		15 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♄ rises 12 9	147 2 4	58 8 36		
5] Sexagesima Sunday, Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-12: 9. Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.									
Sunday	31 Hans Sachs	Matth. 3:	1 28		27 Orion south 8 50	147 1 4	59 9 18		

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 7th day, 12 o'clock, 8 min. Afternoon.
 First Quarter, 14th " 4 " 22 " Evening.
 Full Moon, 21st " 12 " 40 " Afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 29th " 7 " 33 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, snow; 9, 10, 11, cold, stormy; 12, 13, 14, coldest days; 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, moderate; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, snow; 30, 31, rain and snow.



MONICA, the mother of Augustine, stands on the sea shore, and sadly watches the departing ship, in which her reckless son has stolen away.

NEW YEAR QUESTIONS.

1. What use have I made the past year of all my many and rich Church privileges?
2. What account can I render of all the sermons, lectures, talks, and lessons of the past year?
3. What definite work have I done for the Saviour?
4. What changes shall I make for the new year? How can I better serve the cause of Christ?
5. What especially does God expect of me through this year?

OUR SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

This year our Church is celebrating the Semi-Centennial of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The Seminary was opened at Carlisle, Pa., March 11th, 1825, and hence is fifty years old. An outline of its history was given in the Almanac for 1873; and we here only compare what the Seminary now is with what it was fifty years ago.

It opened with five students; no endowment; no buildings; one Professor, and was for many years poorly and irregularly supported by collections in the congregations. Now it has an endowment of about \$70,000; two Professors' houses; three Professors; thirty-four students; five acres of land; and half enough money for the erection of a Seminary building. Since 1827, when the first class graduated, three hundred and twelve have been prepared for the ministry in the Seminary.

During the Semi-Centennial year, our people should cheerfully and gratefully give the theological Seminary at Lancaster a full endowment, and also money enough for the erection of suitable buildings. It is now accommodated in the rooms of Franklin and Marshall College; but surely it should not long go begging before the Church for its own house. From the Seminary came your ministers.

OUR ASTRONOMER.

The astronomical calculations for this Almanac are made by Mr. Lawrence J. Ibach, of Sheridan, Lebanon Co., Pa. Some facts in his history will doubtless be of interest to our readers.

He is a blacksmith; aged fifty-eight; was born in Allentown, Pa., but has spent the last twenty years in Lebanon County; is entirely a self-made man; speaks English, German, French, and Spanish; for forty years has made astronomy a special study; spends half the day at his trade, and the rest at astronomy; furnishes the astronomical calculations for a dozen Almanacs besides our own; corresponds with the leading astronomers of America; and is about to publish a new work on astronomy. Truly he may be called a learned blacksmith. This shows what energy, with application and perseverance can do. Such a history is worth knowing and imitating. Many a young man might become learned and useful; if he would but wisely use his leisure hours. Knowledge comes not of itself, yet richly repays its cost.

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER. h. m.
Monday	1 Ignatius	Matt. 4: 1-22	2 40	11	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☾	146 59 5	1 10 2		
Tuesday	2 Candle Mass	" 4: 23-5: 1-12	3 59	25	♂ H ☉. ☊ ☽ ♀. ♀ r. 3 57	146 58 5	2 10 44		
Wednesday	3 Ansgar	" 5: 13-32	4 54	9	♂ rises 11 10 [☾]	146 57 5	3 11 32		
Thursday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 5: 32-48	5 49	23	Sirius south 9 27	146 56 5	4 12 16		
Friday	5 P. S. Spener	" 6:	6 47	8	♂ ♀ ☉. Orion south 8 32	146 55 5	5 12 59		
Saturday	6 Amandus	" 7:	☽ sets.	23	♂. ☊ ☽ ♀. 7* s. 6 24	146 54 5	6 1 57		

6] Quinquagesima Sunday, Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	7 George Wagner	Luke 3:	6 58	8	♂ ☽ ♀. ☊ rises 11 54	146 53 5	7 2 45		
Monday	8 Maria Andrea	" 4:	8 10	23	Arctur rises 7 36	156 52 5	8 3 34		
Tuesday	9 Shrove Tuesday	" 5:	9 25	8	♂ in ☉. Antares ri. 3 25	156 51 5	9 4 22		
Wednesday	10 Ash Wednesday	" 6: 1-19	10 40	22	☽ in Per. ☉. ♀ ri. 10 58	156 49 5	11 5 10		
Thursday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 6: 20-49	11 51	7	♀ rises 3 55	156 48 5	12 5 55		
Friday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 7:	morn.	21	♂ sets 6 12	156 47 5	13 6 42		
Saturday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 8:	12 49	5	☽ 13. ♀ gr. Elon. E.	156 46 5	14 7 33		

7] 1st Sunday in Lent, Matthew 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	14 Brun of Querfurt	Luke 9: 1-36	1 54	19	♂ in Perihelion	146 44 5	16 8 22		
Monday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 9: 37-62	3 6	3	♂ stationary ☾	146 43 5	17 9 12		
Tuesday	16 Matth. Desubas	" 10:	4 12	17	♂ rises 11 41	146 42 5	18 9 56		
Wednesday	17 Emberday	" 11: 1-36	5 10	0	♀ gr. Elon. West	146 40 5	20 10 52		
Thursday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	5 50	14	♂ stationary. ☉ ent. ☿	146 39 5	21 11 50		
Friday	19 Mesroh	" 12: 13-59	6 31	28	♀ rises 3 56	146 38 5	22 12 49		
Saturday	20 Sadoth	" 13: 1-21	☽ rises.	12	☽ 20. Procyon s. 9 12	146 37 5	23 1 48		

8] 2d Sunday in Lent, Matthew 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8. Day's Length, 10 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	21 Mainrad	Luke 13: 22-35	6 29	26	Pollux south 9 36	146 36 5	24 2 36		
Monday	22 Washington	" 14:	7 28	8	Spica rises 9 28	146 34 5	26 3 24		
Tuesday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 15:	8 26	22	♂. Regulus rises 11 22	146 33 5	27 4 12		
Wednesday	24 Matthias	" 16:	9 29	6	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	146 32 5	28 5 6		
Thursday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 17: 1-19	10 40	18	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 10 25	136 31 5	29 5 58		
Friday	26 Berthold Haller	" 17: 20-37	11 55	29	☽ in apo. ☉ ☊ ☉	136 29 5	31 6 42		
Saturday	27 Martin Bucer	" 18: 1-30	morn.	10	♂ rises 11 30	136 28 5	32 7 24		

9] 3d Sunday in Lent, Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 min.

Sunday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv.	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	12 31	22	☽ 28. ♀ ris. 3 59. ☊ ☽ ☊	136 27 5	33 8 4		
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(♀) Venus is Morning Star till the 23d of this month, 2 o'clock in the Morning; then Evening Star till the end of the year.

(♂) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 5th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon,	6th day,	2 o'clock,	54 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	13th "	12 "	20 "	Morning.
Full Moon,	20th "	3 "	1 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	28th "	4 "	51 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, N. W. cold; 6, 7, moderate; 8, snow; 9, 10, 11, N. W. storm; 12, 13, 14, clear and cold; 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, 24, rain and snow; 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, cold.



FASTING.

It is *Scriptural*. See scores of examples, and precepts also, in both the New Testament and the Old.

Wherefore, it is *profitable*, for body and soul. Else it would not have been appointed.

For this reason it is *not to be mocked at*, to say the least. Rom. 14: 3 fairly applies to this case. If the duty of fasting is not preached, encouraged, and practiced, by no means speak lightly of it. It has divine authority.

THE GOLDEN SIDE.

There is many a rest on the road of life,
If we only would stop to take it;
And many a tone from the better land,
If the querulous heart would wake it.
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth,
The grass is green and the flowers are bright,
Though the wintry storm prevaileth.

Better to weave in the web of life
A bright and golden filling,
And to do God's will with a ready heart,
And hands that are swift and willing,
Than to snap the delicate silver threads
Of our curious lives asunder;
And then Heav'n blame for the tangled ends,
And sit to grieve and wonder.

SELF-DENIAL IN THE MINISTRY.

In the article in this Almanac on, "How the Door is Guarded," some remarks are made in regard to self-denial in the ministry, which standing alone might mislead or discourage some young person. Hence we add the following:

It is not all self-denial. The life of a minister is not without satisfaction, by any means. Nor is he an unhappy man. He has joys and rewards, in this life already, higher than any money-consideration, and sacred pleasure in his work which is better than ease or luxury.

Money is not the only source of satisfaction; indeed it is a poor comforter at best. It does not compare with the sweetness of doing good.

To all this must be added his glorious reward in the life to come. The joyful assurance of this lightens many a burden now, and all eternity will not exhaust its sweetness.

Let no one be misled or discouraged by any statement of the self-denial of the ministry. No class of men are more cheerful, happy, and contented. May the Lord, this year, turn the hearts of many of our young to this work!

ROLL OF HONOR.

Twenty of our Ministers have been in the ministry forty years and over.

Fifteen others have been in the ministry fifty years and over.

Half of these are yet in active service; and indeed several of them have all these years been serving the same people.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God. I am the Lord."

BATTLE AGAINST THEM.







Gov. Washburn, of Massachusetts, says: "So long as nine-tenths of the crimes committed in the State are traceable to the use of intoxicating liquors, and so long as three-fourths of the inmates in our penal and reformatory institutions are chargeable to the account against ardent spirits, so long must we struggle for the overthrow of the traffic therein."

To see others as they see themselves, is quite as hard as to see ourselves as others see us.








MARCH,

3d Month, 31 Days.








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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises.	Sun h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Suidbert	Luke 19:29-20; 1-18	1 34		♂ ☾ ☉ Inferior ☾	13 6	25 5	35 8	48
Tuesday	2 John Wesley	" 20:19-21; 1-4	2 38		♂ rises 10 5	12 6	24 5	36 9	36
Wednesday	3 Balthilde	" 21: 5-35	3 40		♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 4	12 6	23 5	37 10	24
Thursday	4 George Wishart	" 22: 1-30	4 32		Sirius south 7 37	12 6	21 5	39 11	10
Friday	5 Thomas Aquinas	" 22: 31-71	5 12		♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 5 19	12 6	20 5	40 11	56
Saturday	6 Fridolin	" 23:	5 50		♂ ☽ ☿. Regulus s. 10 54	11 6	19 5	41 12	44








10] 4th Sunday in Lent, John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length, 11 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	7 Perpetua	Mark 10: 32-52	☽ sets.		7th. ☿ rises 11 24	11 6	17 5	43 1	30
Monday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 11:	6 58		♂ rises 9 41	11 6	16 5	44 2	10
Tuesday	9 Cyrillus	" 12:	7 59		Rigel sets 11 20	11 6	15 5	45 2	49
Wednesday	10 40 Marts. at Sebaste	" 13:	8 40		☽ in per. ♀ rises 4 6	10 6	13 5	47 3	40
Thursday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 14: 1-54	9 30		♂ rises 5 0	10 6	12 5	48 4	32
Friday	12 Greg. the Great	" 14:55-15:1-15	10 21		Wega rises 10 24	10 6	11 5	49 5	24
Saturday	13 Rudericus	" 15:16-47	11 10		Spica rises 8 16	10 6	10 5	50 6	18





11] 5th Sunday in Lent, John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 11 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	14 Matilda	Matth. 20: 17-33	morn.		14th. ☿ stationary	9 6	8 5	52 7	8
Monday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 21:	12 4		♂ rises 9 18	9 6	7 5	53 8	6
Tuesday	16 Heribert	" 22:	1 10		Orion sets 12 26	9 6	5 5	55 8	56
Wednesday	17 St. Patrick	" 23:	2 14		Aldebaran sets 11 38	9 6	4 5	56 9	50
Thursday	18 Alexander	" 24: 1-31	3 18		♂ rises 4 51	8 6	3 5	57 10	42
Friday	19 Mary & Martha	" 24: 32-51	4 26		♂ rises 11 16	8 6	1 5	59 11	43
Saturday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 25:	5 38		☉ enters ♉. Day & Night Equal.	8 6	0 6	0 12	44

12] Palm Sunday, John 12: 1-6; Phil. 2: 5-10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 2 min.

Sunday	21 Benedict	Matth. 26: 1-13	☽ rises.		21st. Spring com.	7 5	59 6	1 1	44
Monday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 26: 14-35	7 6		♂ rises 10 34	7 5	57 6	3 2	35
Tuesday	23 Wolfgang	" 26: 36-56	8 10		Regulus south 9 49	7 5	56 6	4 3	22
Wednesday	24 Florentius	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	9 14		♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 8 48	6 5	55 6	5 4	12
Thursday	25 Maunday Thurs.	" 27: 3-31	10 21		Sirius south 6 26	6 5	53 6	7 4	56
Friday	26 Good Friday	" 27: 32-50	10 59		♂ rises 4 29	6 5	52 6	8 5	44
Saturday	27 Rupertus	" 27: 51-56	11 24		☽ in apo. ♀ rises 4 5	5 5	51 6	9 6	31

13] Easter Sunday, John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 22 min.

Sunday	28 Easter Sunday	John 11:	11 59		♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ ris. 11 2	5 5	49 6	11 7	15
Monday	29 Easter Monday	" 12:	morn.		♂ rises 11 2	5 5	48 6	12 8	5
Tuesday	30 John Heermann	" 13: 1-30	12 34		☿ in Aphelion.	4 5	47 6	13 8	48
Wednesday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 13: 31-14:	1 36		☿ rises 4 59	4 5	45 6	15 9	34

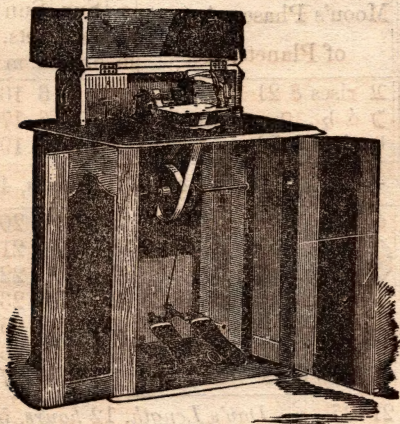
MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 7th day, 3 o'clock, 20 min. Afternoon.
 First Quarter, 14th " 8 " 5 " Morning.
 Full Moon, 21st " 6 " 51 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 29th " 11 " 24 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, cloudy, cold; 5, 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, 10, N. W. wind; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, storm; 21, 22, snow-storm; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, 27, rain and snow; 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, variable.

MARCH.



"HE SUFFERED."

Every part of our Lord's body was wronged. On His head was a crown of thorns. In His hand was a mock sceptre. His mouth tasted the vinegar and gall. The ear heard the mocking cry, "Hail, King!" The eye saw the hypocritical bowing. His cheek received their shameful blows. His side was pierced with a spear, and His feet were nailed to the cross.

THE EASTER SEASON.

Some churches have special service—a "revival" they call it—in the Winter. We have ours in the Spring, and so follow in the good old ways of our fathers, who alway made great account of the Easter season. The hymns, prayers, lessons, and sermons all point to the atoning death and glorious resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. How can they help but touch and quicken every soul? This is also our special time for Catechization. May it not reasonably be called our "revival" season?

Nature then awakens to new life, and so does the Church.

"THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS."

Learn the very words of the Catechism, and hold them fast in memory, because they are the very best form. "Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me" (2 Tim. 1: 13), says your spiritual mother the Church.

THOUGHTS FOR PASSION WEEK.

MONDAY.

"The Well is deep."

Thy saying is most true,
Salvation's well is deep,
Only Christ's hand can reach the waters blue,
And even He must stoop to draw it up
Ere He can fill thy cup.

TUESDAY.

Christ did not send,
But came Himself to save,
The ransom price He did not lend,
But gave.
Christ died, the Shepherd for the sheep;
We only fall asleep.

WEDNESDAY.

Thou art a gentle and most loving Lamb,
Wounded to give us balm.
And still wherever sin doth reign,
Thou day by day art slain;
When will man cease to give Thee pain?

THURSDAY.

"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

We seek no sign,
It hath sufficed
For us to see the Father in the Christ.
If by its gather'd fruits we judge the tree,
What holiness is Thine! what purity!
Thy life is such a miracle,
None could have lived save an Immanuel.
We need not ask with Pilate, "Whence art Thou?"
Even with the twisted thorns around Thy brow,
For well we know Thine origin divine.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Good Friday, well our lips may call thee good,
Although a day of agony and blood.
A day of dying, yet a day of life,
A day of peace and of most bitter strife.
When to the roots of life's immortal tree,
So fair and green from all eternity,
The axe of death was laid, for man's rude sake,
An ark of refuge for his race to make:
Thus sheltered in that ark of gopher-wood,
Good Friday, well our lips may call thee good.

EASTER EVE.

Where lay
The Lord of Light,
Angels may
Sit in white.
Why, grave, thou art as Heaven to-night,
Holding the Prince of immortality
In thy dark room!
Strange heaven for thee,
Thou that inhabitest eternity,
A tomb!

EASTER SUNDAY.































O death where is thy dart?
Hidden in Christ's heart.
When I that wondrous heart had still'd,
I deemed that I the life had kill'd,
And laid forever in the grave;
But He awoke in all His might,
And all my power was put to flight,
A captive Ethiopian slave,
Taken by Him in mortal fight,
Dragg'd at His chariot wheels of light.
The porter now of heaven's gate,
Compell'd to wait,
Clad in its livery of white.

—English Magazine.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Fritigild	John 15:	2 39		21 rises 8 21	45 44	6 16	10 26	
Friday	2 Theodosia	" 16:	3 49		21 rises 8 21	45 43	6 17	11 10	
Saturday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	" 17:	4 20		21 rises 8 21	35 41	6 19	12 4	
14] 1st Sunday after Easter, John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 min.									
Sunday	4 Ambrose	Lam. Jeremiah	4 46		8 rises 10 56	35 40	6 20	12 42	
Monday	5 Christ. Sriver	Heb. 8:	5 12		8 rises 10 56	35 39	6 21	1 20	
Tuesday	6 Albert Durer	" 9:	6 34		8 rises 10 56	25 38	6 22	2 0	
Wednesday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 10:	8 34		8 rises 10 56	25 37	6 23	2 46	
Thursday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	John 6:	9 26		7 rises 7 59	25 35	6 25	3 34	
Friday	9 Thos. v. Westen	Luke 23: 32-49	10 22		7 rises 7 59	25 34	6 26	4 22	
Saturday	10 Fulbert	Heb. 4:	11 18		5 rises 3 59	15 33	6 27	5 12	
15] 2d Sunday after Easter, John 10: 12-16; 1 Pet. 2: 21-25. Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.									
Sunday	11 Leo the Great	John 20: 1-18	12 12		7* sets 9 50	15 32	6 28	6 6	
Monday	12 Sabas	Luke 24: 1-12	12 56		12. Rigel sets 10 22	15 30	6 30	6 56	
Tuesday	13 Justin Martyr	Acts 2: 22-47	1 38		Wega rises 8 19	15 29	6 31	7 42	
Wednesday	14 John Eccart	1 Cor. 15:	2 11		Orion sets 10 44	05 28	6 32	8 32	
Thursday	15 Simon Dach	Romans 6:	2 37		21 south 12 6	5 27	6 33	9 21	
Friday	16 Peter Waldo	" 8:	3 19		21 rises 3 30	5 25	6 35	10 11	
Saturday	17 Mappalicius	1 Cor. 3:	3 19		21 rises 3 30	05 24	6 36	10 55	
16] 3d Sunday after Easter, John 16: 16-23; 1 Pet. 2: 11-20. Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.									
Sunday	18 Luther at Worms	John 1:	3 49		H stationary	15 23	6 37	11 48	
Monday	19 Melancthon	" 2:	4 51		24 rises 8 21	15 22	6 38	12 39	
Tuesday	20 John Bugenhag	" 3:	5 12		20. 6 rises 10 56	15 20	6 40	1 34	
Wednesday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 4:	8 16		20. 6 rises 10 56	15 19	6 41	2 16	
Thursday	22 Origen	" 5:	9 20		20. 6 rises 10 56	25 18	6 42	3 4	
Friday	23 Adalbert	" 6: 1-40	10 10		21 south 11 40	25 17	6 43	3 46	
Saturday	24 Wilfrid	" 6: 41-71	10 39		7* sets 9 10	25 15	6 45	4 34	
17] 4th Sunday after Easter, John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 min.									
Sunday	25 St. Mark, Evan.	John 7:	11 20		8 rises 10 31	25 14	6 46	5 22	
Monday	26 Trudpert	" 8: 1-30	12 18		Orion sets 10 1	25 13	6 47	6 14	
Tuesday	27 Otto Catelin	" 8: 31-59	1 25		Sirius sets 9 20	25 12	6 48	6 58	
Wednesday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 9:	2 11		28. 2 rises 3 44	35 11	6 49	7 46	
Thursday	29 L. von. Berquin	" 10:	3 0		28. 2 rises 3 44	35 10	6 50	8 49	
Friday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 11:	3 0		Antares rises 9 27	35 9	6 51	9 50	

(2) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 17th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 6th day, 1 o'clock, 35 min. Morning.
 First Quarter, 12th " 4 " 33 " Afternoon.
 Full Moon, 20th " 11 " 30 " Forenoon.
 Last Quarter, 28th " 2 " 17 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, rain; 19, 20, clear; 21, thunder-showers; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, fair; 30, thunder-showers.



ASCENSION DAY.

The last act of our Lord's earthly life, was to lift up His hands in blessing upon His disciples. Those hands are still up-raised.

A BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.

A good woman died in Easton, Pa., during the past year, and remembered the Lord's cause in her last will. She gave the sum of *thirty-three hundred dollars* to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. This sum will be a perpetual fund; and the interest of it will be expended every year for missions in the far West. Though she has gone to her reward, yet, by this generous bequest, she still continues to do good. Could not many others do likewise?

\$13,000.

The several Classes of the three Eastern Synods of the Reformed Church resolved at their Spring meetings in 1874, to raise during the year, the sum of *thirteen thousand dollars* for the treasury of the Board of Missions. It was a noble resolve, and is in process of being as nobly carried out. It is easy enough to do it. The whole sum was divided by the Board of Missions among the different Classes according to their respective strength. The Classes again divided their several shares among their charges. In this way each congregation finds out how much it ought to raise. And when all do their part the whole sum is easily brought together. There is great advantage in having system in all such matters. God likes order, and will bless it.

IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Church Missionary Society of England last year received \$1,206,105. One man gave \$100,000 as a thank-offering for the recovery of a child from sickness. The Wesleyan Missionary Society received \$839,975; the London Missionary Society, \$589,545; the British and Foreign Bible Society, \$1,104,720. The sum total received by the religious Societies of England, whose head quarters are in London, was \$8,148,035.

HOW LONG DO MINISTERS LIVE?

The average age of American clergymen deceased the past year was about 61. Of 236 whose deaths were correctly reported, 7 were over 90; 20 were between 80 and 90; 46 between 70 and 80; 49 between 60 and 70; 51 between 50 and 60; 23 between 40 and 50; 22 between 30 and 40, and 9 between 20 and 30.

"TOO POOR."

So people in easy circumstances often say when asked to take the Church Paper or give to some Church work.









If you should circulate these reports, it would give mortal offence. You might use their own words, but would not find easy forgiveness. They know they are not poor; hence the offence.

Every member of your choir should be also a member of the Church.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1875.

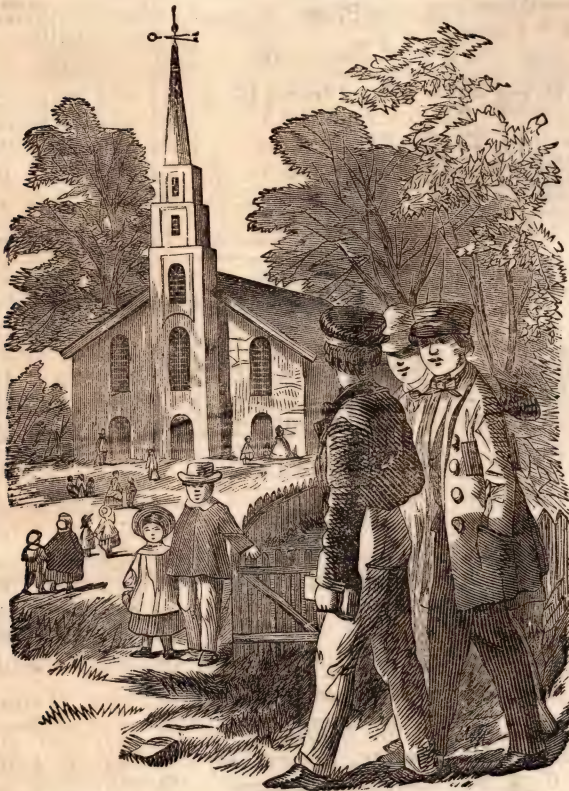
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Saturday	1 Philip & James	John 12:	3 26	 1	☐ H ☉. ♃ so. 11 10 ☾	3 5	7 6	53 10 48
18] 5th Sunday after Easter, John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 min.								
Sunday	2 Athanasius	John 13: 14:	3 48	 16	♂ ♀ in Aphel'n. ♂ ♀	3 5	6 6	54 11 32
Monday	3 Monica	" 15:	4 12	 2	♀ rises 3 35	3 5	5 6	55 12 16
Tuesday	4 Florian	" 16: 17:	4 38	 17	♂ rises 10 23	3 5	4 6	56 12 56
Wednesday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 18:	☾ sets.	 1	♂ ♀ in per. ♂ ♀	3 5	3 6	57 1 36
Thursday	6 Ascension Day	" 19:	8 45	 15	♂ rises 2 31	4 5	2 6	58 2 20
Friday	7 Otto the Great	" 20:	9 43	 29	Spica south 10 21 ☾	4 5	1 6	59 3 1
Saturday	8 Stanislaus	" 21:	10 30	 13	♂ south 10 36	4 5	0 7	0 3 44
19] 6th Sunday after Easter, John 15: 26-16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 min.								
Sunday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	Heb. 1: 2:	11 10	 26	♂ ♀ ☉ Superior	4 4	5 9	7 1 4 31
Monday	10 John Heuglin	" 3: 4:	11 52	 8	♀ rises 3 32	4 4	5 8	7 2 5 22
Tuesday	11 John Arndt	" 5: 6:	morn.	 20	♂ rises 10 11	4 4	5 7	3 6 11
Wednesday	12 Meletius	" 7:	12 31	 2	♂ 12. Libræ s. 11 44	4 4	5 6	7 4 6 48
Thursday	13 Servatius	" 8:	1 10	 14	♂ in Perihelion	4 4	5 5	7 5 7 34
Friday	14 Pachomius	" 9:	1 40	 26	♂ rises 1 59	4 4	5 4	7 6 8 21
Saturday	15 Moses	" 10:	2 11	 8	♂. 7* sets 7 38	4 4	5 3	7 7 9 10
20] Whit Sunday, John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 min.								
Sunday	16 Whit Sunday	Heb. 11:	2 40	 20	☐ ♀ ☉. ♂ rises 9 50	4 4	5 2	7 8 10 4
Monday	17 Whit Monday	" 12:	3 6	 2	♂ ☉ ♃. ♃ south 9 56	4 4	5 2	7 8 10 44
Tuesday	18 80 Marts. under Val.	" 13:	3 30	 14	♂ stationary	4 4	5 1	7 9 11 50
Wednesday	19 Emberday	John 14:	4 4	 26	♀ rises 3 25	4 4	5 0	7 10 12 55
Thursday	20 Val. Herberger	Coloss. 2:	☾ rises.	 9	♂ 20. ☾ in apo.	4 4	4 9	7 11 1 59
Friday	21 Constantine	John 15:	8 56	 22	☉ enters ♐	4 4	4 8	7 12 2 46
Saturday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 16:	9 38	 5	♂ rises 1 12 ☾	4 4	4 7	7 13 3 33
21] Trinity Sunday, John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 min.								
Sunday	23 Jerome Savonar.	1 John 1:	10 34	 18	♂ ☾ ♂. ♂ gr. Hel. Lat.	3 4	4 6	7 14 4 18
Monday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 2:	11 10	 2	♂ rises 9 30 [N.	3 4	4 6	7 14 5 10
Tuesday	25 Augustine	" 3:	11 51	 16	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 4	4 5	7 15 5 55
Wednesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	" 4:	morn.	 0	Regulus sets 12 31	3 4	4 4	7 16 6 40
Thursday	27 John Calvin	" 5:	12 40	 14	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ ri. 12 49	3 4	4 3	7 17 7 24
Friday	28 Lanfranc	Joel 3:	1 24	 28	♂ 28. ♀ rises 3 16	3 4	4 3	7 17 8 12
Saturday	29 David Zisberger	John 17:	2 11	 12	♂. ♃ south 9 16	3 4	4 2	7 18 9 10
22] 1st Sunday after Trinity, Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.								
Sunday	30 Jerome of Prag.	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	2 37	 26	Spica south 8 48	3 4	4 1	7 19 9 59
Monday	31 Joach'm Neander	" 5:	3 2	 11	Pollux sets 10 53	3 4	4 1	7 19 10 50

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 5th, 10 o'clock, 3 min. Forenoon.
 First Quarter, 12th, 2 " 36 " Morning.
 Full Moon, 20th, 3 " 50 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 28th, 1 " 30 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, clear; 2, 3, rain; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, sultry, warm; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, pleasant.



STUDY THE CONSTITUTION.

The Synod of Martinsburg, in 1872, directed its pastors to preach on the subject of church government, that our people may be properly instructed in the principles and practice of our church law.

A very needful thing, as is evident from the fact, that the Constitution is bound up with the Catechism, and so is placed in the hands of all our people. How can they intelligently take part in church government, unless they understand the rules and customs of the Church?

Many do not know much about our Constitution. Indeed many think such knowledge unnecessary. What a mistake!

The better men understand their relation to the Church, the more interest they will feel, both in the Church and in themselves. The better they

are acquainted with the rules and customs of the Church, the more clear will be their way of duty, and the better satisfied they will be with what the Church does.

A series of sermons on this whole subject, therefore, would do great good among our people; and it is surprising that the government, rules, and customs of the Church are so seldom explained from the pulpit—especially, as this is seldom done at length in the catechetical class.

Why should there be any delicacy in doing it? Would not this be preaching the Gospel? The Gospel is not simply Christ, Christ, Christ, but includes everything that affects the Christian life; and surely a clear understanding of this subject must do this.

GIVING MAKES LIVING.

"The sun gives ever to the earth,
What it can give so much 'tis worth;
The ocean gives in many ways,
Gives paths, gives fishes, rivers, bays;
So, too, the air, it gives us breath—
When it stops giving comes in death.

Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living,
The more you give,
The more you live.

God's love hath to us wealth upheaped;
Only by giving it is reaped.
The body withers, and the mind,
If pent in by selfish rind.
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give self,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself;

Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living,
The more we give,
The more we live.

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





























In 1874 the Board of Foreign Missions accomplished nothing. Very little was received by the Treasurer, Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, of Harrisburg. Is there no Foreign Mission spirit in our Church? Perhaps the pastors do not cultivate it among their people. Nothing comes of itself. Some few of our members send money to some other Foreign Mission Board, simply because they know that their funds will there immediately be used. Alas, that we fall so lamentably short! It makes one think of the Litany.

Short sermons and long sausages!

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Romans 12:	3 26		25 ♄ ♀. ♀ rises 3 14	3 4	40 7	20 11	42
Wednesday	2 Pothinus	1 Cor. 13:	3 52		9 Libræ south 10 3	2 4	40 7	20 12	36
Thursday	3 Chlotilde	Rom. 6: 19-7:	♄ sets. 8 50	23 	3d. ♄ in per.	2 4	39 7	21 1	28
Friday	4 Quirinus	" 8:	8 50	7 	♄ ♀ south 8 56	2 4	39 7	21 2	14
Saturday	5 Boniface	2 Cor. 5:	9 32	20 	♄ ♀. ♀ rises 12 28	2 4	38 7	22 2	56
23] 2d Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.									
Sunday	6 Norbert	Acts 1: 2:	10 10	3 	♄ stationary	2 4	38 7	22 3	42
Monday	7 Paul Gerhart	" 3:	10 40	16 	♄ rises 8 50	1 4	37 7	23 4	26
Tuesday	8 A. H. Francke	" 4:	11 28	28 	♀ rises 3 8	1 4	37 7	23 5	12
Wednesday	9 Columba	" 5:	morn.	10 	♄ gr. Elon. East	1 4	37 7	23 5	57
Thursday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	" 6:	12 14	22 	10th. ♄ sets 8 13	1 4	37 7	23 6	45
Friday	11 Barnabas	" 7:	12 39	4 	♄ rises 12 4	0 4	36 7	24 7	33
Saturday	12 Renata	" 8:	1 5	16 	♄ Altair south 12 22	0 4	36 7	24 8	22
24] 3d Sunday after Trinity. Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Peter 5: 6-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.									
Sunday	13 Isaac le Febre	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	1 29	28 	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 8 0	sun 4	36 7	24 9	11
Monday	14 Basil	Acts 10:	1 55	10 	♄ rises 8 1	al'w 4	35 7	25 9	56
Tuesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 11:	2 19	22 	♄ in apo. ♄ in ♄	0 4	35 7	25 10	52
Wednesday	16 Richard Baxter	" 12:	2 44	5 	♄ rises 11 44	0 4	35 7	25 11	50
Thursday	17 John Tauler	1 Pet. 2: 11-3; 1-17	3 20	18 	♀ rises 3 2	1 4	35 7	25 12	48
Friday	18 Pamphilus	" 3: 18-4: 16	♄ rises. 9 0	1 	18th. ♄ ♄ ♄	1 4	35 7	25 1	45
Saturday	19 Council at Nice	" 4: 17-5:	9 0	14 	♄ stationary	1 4	35 7	25 2	34
25] 4th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.									
Sunday	20 27 Martyrs	James 1:	9 40	28 	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 11 56	1 4	35 7	25 3	20
Monday	21 Matt. Claudius	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	10 18	12 	♄ ent. ☊. Longest Day	1 4	34 7	26 4	10
Tuesday	22 Gottschalk	James 2:	11 0	26 	Summer Commences	2 4	35 7	25 4	52
Wednesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 3:	11 26	10 	♄ stationary. ♄ ♄ ♄	2 4	35 7	25 5	41
Thursday	24 John Baptist	" 4:	11 54	25 	♄ rises 11 16	2 4	35 7	25 6	32
Friday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 5:	morn.	9 	♄ ♄. ♄ sets 12 40	2 4	35 7	25 7	16
Saturday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	Jude	12 12	23 	♄ ♄ in Aphelion	3 4	35 7	25 8	6
26] 5th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.									
Sunday	27 Seven Sleepers	Acts 13: 1-12	12 36	7 	♀ rises 2 59	3 4	35 7	25 8	56
Monday	28 Irenæus	" 13: 13-52	1 4	21 	♄ south 11 21	3 4	35 7	25 9	42
Tuesday	29 Peter and Paul	" 14:	1 38	5 	Antares south 9 47	3 4	36 7	24 10	34
Wednesday	30 Raymond Lully	" 15:	2 20	19 	Spica sets 9 8	3 4	36 7	24 11	22

(♄) Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 20th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 3d, 5 o'clock, 20 min. Afternoon.
 First Quarter, 10th, 2 " 55 " Afternoon.
 Full Moon, 18th, 6 " 56 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 26th, 9 " 39 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, thunder showers; 6, 7, 8, pleasant;
 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18,
 variable; 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, fair, warm; 24, 25, 26,
 clear; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, fair.



THE PASTOR'S SALARY.

While the Constitution requires congregations to give the Pastor a sufficient support (see how forcibly it argues the question in Article 14th), it also does not allow him 1,) to devote himself to any secular calling, and 2,) to make a traffic of his ministrations by taking money therefor. (See Art. 137.)

Hence his salary is not a kindness, but a due; not a charity, but a claim. It is not so much pay for so much work (his ministrations are above all *price*), but a support, that he may give himself entirely to his work.

He must teach; and Paul says that those who are taught, shall give him of all their good things (Gal. 6: 6). Paul argues the question quite at length, and very forcibly, in 1 Cor. 9: 7-14, which, to save space, we forbear quoting; only adding that Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth, that he never used this right, lest men should misunderstand the matter, and his work suffer. (See verses 12th and 15th.) He spake in behalf of those who should come after him.

What a pity, that so many people are allowed to die without receiving attention from some Christian minister—instruction, advice, warning, comfort!

REFORMED—NOT PRESBYTERIAN.

A writer, having said "there are ten branches of the Presbyterian Church," and named among them the "Dutch Reformed" and the "German Reformed," another writer answered:

"The idea is, that the Reformed Church is part of the Presbyterian Church. Not so.

The Reformed Church in origin is the Church in the Reformation period protesting against the errors of Romanism. She embraced all of Protestantism, which did not endorse some of the peculiar doctrines of Luther and his followers, or subscribe to the Augsburg Confession. She began the Reformation under the leading of Zwingli and others, even before Luther entered upon it. When the Lutheran Confession appeared, she was compelled to give expression to her freer and more Protestant doctrine in the Heidelberg Catechism, in 1653. It was only when the Reformation had passed into England, and a half century later, when the Westminster Confession was produced, that the Presbyterian Church, as such, became a designated and separate branch of the Protestant body. It is historically correct to say, that the Presbyterian is a branch of the Reformed Church, but not the reverse."

A NEGLECTED ARTICLE.

It is Article 115th of the Constitution. It says: that, where members neglect their duty, though free from gross sins, they forfeit their membership: and their names may be stricken from the Church roll. They show by their neglect, that they do not want membership; therefore erase their names. This can be done, however, only after proper admonitions; but when done, it virtually is excommunication, and may reasonably be put into the statistical column of excommunications. The same course may be pursued where persons have moved away without dismissal, and for years, have not been heard from.

Evidently, when those whose names have been erased desire to be again restored, they must be received on public confession of faith. Any other course is unfair to all parties concerned.

This article is greatly neglected in many of our congregations; and the church record of membership is so unclean that no one knows who has church privileges and who not. In case of important elections, this state of things leads to serious trouble.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 H. Voes	Acts 16:	2 46		2 D in per. δ D φ . φ ri. 30	34 36	7 24	12 12
Friday	2 Visit V. M.	" 17: 1-14	3 20		$\frac{1}{2}$ rises 10 42 [C]	44 36	7 24	12 54
Saturday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 17: 15-18: 11	D sets.		3. \odot in Apogee. δ D φ	44 37	7 23	1 47
27] 6th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.								
Sunday	4 Independence	1 Thess. 1:	9 10		12 Dog Days begin	44 37	7 23	2 34
Monday	5 Lord Cobham	" 2: 1-16	9 45		25 δ south 10 50	44 37	7 23	3 20
Tuesday	6 John Huss	" 2: 17-3:	10 12		7 δ φ \odot Inferior	44 38	7 22	4 2
Wednesday	7 Willabald	" 4:	10 36		19 $\frac{1}{2}$ sets 11 57	44 38	7 22	4 46
Thursday	8 Kilian	" 5:	10 54		1 Wega south 11 19	54 39	7 21	5 35
Friday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	11 20		13 φ . $\frac{1}{2}$ rises 10 10	54 39	7 21	6 25
Saturday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 2: 13-3	11 48		24 10th. δ D $\frac{1}{2}$	54 40	7 20	7 15
28] 7th Sunday after Trinity, Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.								
Sunday	11 Placedus	Gala. 1: 1-10	morn.		6 7* rises 12 48	54 40	7 20	8 4
Monday	12 Henry II.	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 38		18 Antares south 8 51	54 41	7 19	8 48
Tuesday	13 Eugenius	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 8		0 D in apo. φ rises 3 10	54 41	7 19	9 39
Wednesday	14 Bonaventura	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 38		13 δ south 10 24	54 42	7 18	10 36
Thursday	15 Answer	" 3: 15	2 6		26 \square $\frac{1}{2}$ \odot . δ D δ .	64 43	7 17	11 28
Friday	16 Anna Askow	" 4:	2 34		10 φ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	64 43	7 17	12 18
Saturday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 5: 6:	3 4		24 φ stationary	64 44	7 16	1 6
29] 8th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min.								
Sunday	18 Arnulf	1 Cor. 1:	D rises.		8 18th. $\frac{1}{2}$ sets 11 10	64 45	7 15	1 58
Monday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 2:	8 42		22 $\frac{1}{2}$ rises 9 28	64 46	7 14	2 46
Tuesday	20 John Marteilhe	" 3: 4: 1-4	9 8		6 δ φ φ . δ D $\frac{1}{2}$. φ in Ω .	64 46	7 14	3 34
Wednesday	21 Eberhard	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	9 33		21 φ rises 3 18	64 47	7 13	4 22
Thursday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 5: 9-6:	10 0		6 \odot enters Ω	64 48	7 12	5 10
Friday	23 Godfr. v. Hamelle	" 7:	10 25		20 Ω . δ south 10 4	64 49	7 11	5 54
Saturday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 8: 9:	10 51		4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sets 10 52	64 50	7 10	6 42
30] 9th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 16: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10. Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.								
Sunday	25 St. James	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	11 18		18 25th. δ stationary	64 50	7 10	7 30
Monday	26 Christopher	" 11: 2	11 51		2 \square Neptune \odot	64 51	7 9	8 14
Tuesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 12: 1-30	morn.		15 φ gr. Elon. West	64 52	7 8	9 4
Wednesday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 12: 31-13:	12 26		28 φ rises 3 57	64 53	7 7	9 49
Thursday	29 Olaus	" 14:	1 14		12 D in per. $\frac{1}{2}$ rises 8 56	64 54	7 6	10 50
Friday	30 John Wessel	1 Cor. 15: 1-34	2 27		25 δ D φ . δ south 9 39	64 55	7 5	11 51
Saturday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 15: 35-16:	3 36		8 δ D φ . φ rises 3 30	64 56	7 4	12 52

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d day, 12 o'clock, 24 min.	Morning.
First Quarter, 10th	" 5 " 40 "	Morning.
Full Moon, 18th	" 8 " 26 "	Morning.
Last Quarter, 25th	" 3 " 39 "	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, warmest days; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, warm; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, 29, warm; 30, 31, pleasant.



WHY WILL YOU NOT DO IT?

Much work now done by ministers could be quite as well done by you who are not ministers, and so save taking Pastors from their people.

Agencies, teaching (in colleges and academies), &c., &c., must be filled from our already small number of Pastors. Why? Mainly because other men are not willing to lay down their own business to serve the Master in this form. They can make more money elsewhere.

Every Christian, whether minister or layman, should feel himself so fully consecrated to Christ, as to be willing to labor wherever called by the Church. This call often involves sacrifice (takes men from home; pays only a bare living, &c., &c.), but shall only Ministers suffer these things? Who has exempted you? Why shall you not devote a year or two, or five, to some special Church work for which your talents fully qualify you? Then, when this has been done, return to your own business.

Verily, we need more of the spirit of full, earnest consecration to Christ. Then men would think it rather a privilege than a sacrifice to go out for a time on some mission for the Church, and thus leave the minister to do what you cannot.

4004—1—1875.

These figures are easily understood. The middle figure is the year when Christ was born; the first is the date of Creation, *i. e.*, 4004 years before the birth of Christ; the last is the new year, *i. e.*, 1875, the year since Christ was born.

Notice that the dates in Old Testament history grow less and less as you draw near to the birth of the Saviour; but from that point onward toward the present, the dates rise higher and higher.

For example: the Creation, B. C. 4004; the Deluge, B. C. 2348; the calling of Abraham, B. C. 1921; the outgoing from Egypt, B. C. 1491; the Hebrews enter Canaan, B. C. 1451; the reign of Solomon, B. C. 1015-975, *i. e.*, forty years; the return from Babylon, about, B. C. 500; Malachi wrote his prophecy, about, B. C. 420; these 400 years lie between Malachi and John the Baptist.

CHRIST BORN.

From this point, the dates increase, and we write not B. C. (before Christ), but A. D. (*anno Domini*, Latin words meaning "in the year of our Lord").

Christ crucified, A. D. 33; the first Christian Synod, A. D. 50; Jerusalem destroyed, A. D. 70; the Apostle John died, about, A. D. 100; Christianity triumphant in the conversion of Emperor Constantine, A. D. 323; Reformation in Europe, A. D. 1517; Declaration of Independence, A. D. 1776; the New Year, A. D. 1875.

"In the year of our Lord," means not only that it is a Christian year, a year of the Christian dispensation, but also that it is a year of His Kingly reign. "A. D." is not written so often as it used be, or as it deserves to be written.

THE WARM WEATHER.

It seems to dry up the congregation as well as the field. Activity is lessened. The teachers' meeting has hardly a quorum. The prayer-meeting is very slim. The regular services are sadly thinned out. The Consistory can hardly be assembled.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Phil. h. m.	HIGH WATER.
31]	10th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 6 min.						
Sunday	1 Maccabees	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	20	sets.	1st. ☿ so. 9 30	64	57	7	3 1 49
Monday	2 Mart. under Nero	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	7 50	☿	Antares so. 7 31	64	58	7	2 2 36
Tuesday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 1: 23-2	8 16	☿	Altair south 10 52	64	59	7	1 3 24
Wednesday	4 Leonard Käser	" 3: 4: 1-6	8 41	☿	☿ in ☿. Sirius ris. 4 38	65	07	0	4 10
Thursday	5 Salzbg' Evang.	" 4: 7-5: 10	9 0	☿	☿. ♀ rises 3 51	65	16	59	4 58
Friday	6 Transfiguration	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	9 24	☿	Neptune stationary	65	26	58	5 46
Saturday	7 Nonna	" 7: 2	9 48	☿	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ sets 10 9	55	36	57	6 38
32]	11th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 52 min.						
Sunday	8 Hormisdas	2 Cor. 8:	10 8	☿	8th. ☿ H ☿	55	46	56	7 29
Monday	9 Numidicus	" 9:	10 36	☿	☿ in Perihelion	55	56	55	8 18
Tuesday	10 Laurentius	" 10:	11 26	☿	☿ in apo. ☿ ☿ ☿	55	66	54	9 8
Wednesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 11:	morn.	☿	☿ south 8 56	55	76	53	9 59
Thursday	12 An. of Havelberg	" 12: 1-18	12 16	☿	☿ ☿ ☿. Dog days end. ☿	55	86	52	10 46
Friday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 12: 19-13:	1 28	☿	Orion rises 1 46	55	96	51	11 34
Saturday	14 James Guthrie	Acts 20: 1-13	2 42	☿	☿ rises 4 12	45	106	50	12 23
33]	12th Sunday after Trinity,	Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 min.						
Sunday	15 Virgin Mary	Rom. 1: 1-17	3 59	☿	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ south 12 6	45	126	48	1 11
Monday	16 John of Saxony	" 1: 18-31	☿ rises.	☿	16th. ☿ ☿ ☿	45	136	47	1 51
Tuesday	17 John Gerhard	" 2:	7 38	☿	☿ sets 9 28	45	146	46	2 43
Wednesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 3:	8 3	☿	☿* rises 10 21	45	156	45	3 32
Thursday	19 Sebaldus	" 4:	8 29	☿	☿. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	35	176	43	4 21
Friday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 5: 1-11	9 0	☿	☿ south 8 25	35	186	42	5 9
Saturday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 5: 12-21	9 34	☿	Sirius rises 3 32	35	196	41	5 56
34]	13th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 min.						
Sunday	22 Symphorianus	Rom. 6:	10 20	☿	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ ☿ ☿	35	206	40	6 50
Monday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 7:	11 4	☿	23. ☿ in Perihelion	25	216	39	7 46
Tuesday	24 Bartholomew	" 8: 1-15	morn.	☿	☿ in per. ☿	25	236	37	8 40
Wednesday	25 Louis IX.	" 8: 16-39	12 2	☿	☿ south 11 30	25	246	36	9 31
Thursday	26 Ulfilas	" 9: 1-13	1 4	☿	☿ sets 9 9	25	256	35	10 24
Friday	27 Jovinian	" 9: 14-33	2 10	☿	Altair south 9 18	15	266	34	11 10
Saturday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 10:	3 26	☿	Orion rises 12 48	15	276	33	12 6
35]	14th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.						
Sunday	29 John Bapt. B'd	Rom. 11:	4 36	☿	☿ south 8 1	15	286	32	12 56
Monday	30 Claud of Turin	" 12:	☿ sets.	☿	30th. ☿ ☿ ☿	05	306	30	1 41
Tuesday	31 Aidan	" 13:	7 2	☿	☿ ☿ ☿. Spicas. 8 2	05	316	29	2 27

(h) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 15th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st day,	8 o'clock,	27 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	8th "	10 "	30 "	Evening.
Full Moon,	16th "	8 "	33 "	Evening.
Last Quarter,	23d "	8 "	38 "	Evening.
New Moon,	30th "	6 "	41 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, 4, clear; 5, 6, thunder showers; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, warm.



HOW MEMBERS ARE RECEIVED.

1.) *By Confirmation.* The child renews his baptismal vows, and becomes a full member of the Church. This is only after careful instruction. Hence Classis asks each Elder (see Constitution, Art. 49), whether Catechization is attended to: and Art. 127 says the Consistory, and especially the Elders, shall be present at Catechization. The moral force of their presence would do good. If catechumens are unbaptized, then their baptism and confirmation fall close together; but, such persons should, for confirmation, be separated from the baptized. The confirmation service does not suit their case. They require the service for adult baptism. If this separation is not made, the service is painfully inconsistent.

The Churches that confirm are: Reformed, Lutheran, Episcopal, Moravian, Greek, and Roman Catholic, and perhaps one or two others. The rest admit persons to full membership in a different way.

2.) *By Certificate.* This paper states, that you are a "member" of a certain congregation, "in good and regular standing," and thereby dismissed to another certain congregation (in the Reformed, Presbyterian, or some other Church). "Good and regular standing" means, that you are faithful in the Christian life and therefore worthy of fellowship. On this depends the whole value of the certificate. Some ministers do much harm, both to the member and to the congregation receiving him, by dismissing the unworthy. Those are unworthy, who, though their life may be moral, yet neglect the Lord's Supper, attendance, support of the Church, &c.

The certificate gives you membership in a certain congregation, *i. e.*, the right to vote and to hold office there, and a claim to pastoral attention, but you have a right to the Lord's Supper, even without such congregational membership. Many do not know this simple fact.

The Constitution (Art. 130) says, that it is your *duty*, in case of removal, to take your certificate of dismission and also to deposit it, that you may stand in right relation to the congregation whose services you enjoy, that you may be under its care and control, and also that you may support it. Of course for a residence of only a few months, a certificate is not necessary.

A certificate must be deposited within one year, if there is opportunity to do so; else it loses its value and cannot be accepted. Hence it is always dated.

In going to a new home, it is your duty not only to have your certificate, but also to find the church, and make yourself known to the Pastor or Elders. Many persons wait for the Church to find them (not so however in regard to the store or post-office).

Not being dismissed, or not depositing your certificate in the new home, give you no right or liberty to neglect any Christian duty, public or private, by omission or commission.































If a charge has no Pastor, the Elders may either give or receive a certificate of dismission.

Many persons confound the confirmation certificate with this certificate of dismission. They are very different. The first certifies that at a certain time you by confirmation became a full member of the Church; the second testifies that you are now

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	Sun Phila. h. m.	HIGH WATER. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Hanna	Rom. 14:	7 30		5 Sirius rises 2 49	05 32 6	28 3 10		
Thursday	2 Mamas	" 15: 1-13	7 54		17 3. ♄ south 7 56	05 33 6	27 3 50		
Friday	3 Hildegarde	" 15: 14-33	8 18		29 ♄ south 10 42	15 35 6	25 4 44		
Saturday	4 Ida	" 16:	8 42		11 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 8 29	15 36 6	2 5 32		
36] 15th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6: 10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 min.									
Sunday	5 John Mollio	Acts 20:	9 10		23 Orion rises 2 45	15 37 6	23 6 16		
Monday	6 Martin Weibel	" 21:	9 44		5 ♄ in apo.	25 39 6	21 7 1		
Tuesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 22: 23:	10 26		16 7th. Spica sets 7 48	25 40 6	20 7 44		
Wednesday	8 Corbinian	" 24: 25:	11 22		29 ♄ Antares s. 9 37	25 41 6	19 8 36		
Thursday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 26:	morn.		12 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 12 0	35 43 6	17 9 24		
Friday	10 Paul Speratus	" 27:	12 26		26 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	35 44 6	16 10 14		
Saturday	11 John Brenz	" 28:	1 38		10 7* rises 8 46	35 45 6	15 10 58		
37] 16th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 7: 11-17: Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 12 hours, 26 min.									
Sunday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	Eph. 1: 1-14	2 56		24 ♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 9 59	45 47 6	13 11 38		
Monday	13 Wm. Farel	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	3 40		9 ♄ sets 8 0	45 48 6	12 12 20		
Tuesday	14 Cyprian	" 2: 11-3:	4 39		24 ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	55 49 6	11 1 12		
Wednesday	15 Ember Day	" 4: 1-17	♄ rises.		9 15. ♄. Pollux rises 12 18	55 50 6	10 1 57		
Thursday	16 Euphemia	" 4: 18	6 59		25 ♄ Rigel rises 11 43	55 52 6	8 2 44		
Friday	17 Lambert	" 5: 6: 1-9	7 42		10 Antares sets 9 12	65 53 6	7 3 31		
Saturday	18 A.G. Spangenb'g	" 6: 10	8 30		24 ♄ in per. ♄ sets 11 42	65 54 6	6 4 22		
38] 17th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 12 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	Colos. 1:	9 18		8 Arctur sets 9 31	65 55 6	5 5 8		
Monday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2: 3: 1-4	10 12		22 ♄ sets 7 39	75 56 6	4 5 56		
Tuesday	21 Matthew	" 3: 5-4:	11 6		5 ♄ south 9 28	75 57 6	3 6 44		
Wednesday	22 Mauritius	Philemon	morn.		19 ♄ 22. ♄ in Aphelion	75 58 6	2 7 36		
Thursday	23 5 Mart. of Gen'a.	Philip 1: 1-26	12 8		1 ♄ ♄ ☉ Sup'r. ☉ ent. ♄.	86 0 6	0 8 28		
Friday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 1: 27-2:	1 14		14 Fall Comm. [Day & Night Equal.	86 1 5	59 9 14		
Saturday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3: 4:	2 16		26 Sirius rises 1 28	86 3 5	57 10 16		
39] 18th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 11 hours, 52 min.									
Sunday	26 Lioba	1 Tim. 1:	3 10		8 ♄ sets 11 28	96 4 5	56 11 19		
Monday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2:	4 0		20 Wega south 6 14	96 6 5	54 12 10		
Tuesday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3: 1-13	4 41		2 3. Andromeda s. 11 40	96 7 5	53 1 12		
Wednesday	29 St. Michael	" 3: 14-4: 10	♄ sets.		14 29th. ☉ Eclipsed, visible.	106 8 5	52 1 58		
Thursday	30 Jerome	" 4: 11-5: 16	6 30		26 ♄ south 5 56	106 10 5	50 2 34		

(♀) Venus is in Superior conjunction with the Sun on the 23d of this Month; passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 4 o'clock, 37 min. Afternoon.
Full Moon, 15th, 7 " 41 " Morning.
Last Quarter, 23d, 2 " 0 " Morning.
New Moon, 29th, 7 " 55 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, sultry, rainy; 7, 8, 9, pleasant; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, warm; 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, 30, rain.



So many a Christian man has been burned for his faith. This is the true meaning of Rev. 2: 10, "faithful unto death," i. e., not merely till the time of death, but to this degree.

in good standing, and are dismissed to membership in another congregation.

3.) *On Profession of Faith.* A certificate cannot always be had. (1.) Some churches do not dismiss members to another denomination. (2.) Or the certificate has lost its force by being held too long. (3.) Or the member has lost his good standing, and now moving to a new home desires to be restored. (4.) Or he left in good standing, but has lived several years in the neglect of duty, and of course has lost all claim to a certificate of dismission.

How, now, shall these people be received? Our profession of faith before the congregation. This is a renewal of their vows, and entitles them to membership. If they come from another denomination, this involves their acceptance of our doctrine, customs, and laws. No one should at all hesitate to renew his vows.

"CHARGE" AND "CONGREGATION."

The word "charge" is very often misused. Several congregations, under one pastor, are called a charge. If there is only one congregation, it is both congregation and charge; but if there are several, all taken together are called a charge.

There are twice as many converts to Christianity in India to-day, as in the whole world at the end of the first century.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

This list contains only such items as are of general interest, and follow, in the main, a chronological order, running from July 1st, 1873, to July 1st, 1874.

- 1.) Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher's "Family Assistant" revised and enlarged in a second edition.
- 2.) The Managers of the Womelsdorf Orphan Home bought the Manderbauch farm.
- 3.) Rev. Jacob Hassler's Female Seminary opened at Mercersburg, Pa.
- 4.) The department of "Theology and Criticism" opened in the *Reformed Church Messenger*.
- 5.) The first Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Potomac.
- 6.) The Beneficiary Students of the Potomac Synod placed under bond.
- 7.) The Sunday-school Board of Potomac Synod established.
- 8.) Mr. Lewis Audenried bequeathed \$35,000 to Franklin and Marshall College.
- 9.) The Eastern Synod raised the Theological tutorship to a full Professorship (Hebrew and Old Testament Theology).
- 10.) Mrs. Catharine Smaltz donated \$5,000 to the Eastern Theological Seminary, for assisting needy Theological students.
- 11.) The three Eastern Synods (United States, Pittsburg and Potomac) united in mission work.
- 12.) The *Reformed Church Messenger* changed from eight to sixteen pages.
- 13.) The *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung* was transferred from the Board of Publication to the German Philadelphia Classis.
- 14.) A fifth edition of the "Young Parson" published.
- 15.) The *Christian World* opened an "Eastern Department."
- 16.) Rev. D. Y. Heisler published his "Life Pictures of the Prodigal Son."
- 17.) The Synod of Ohio celebrated the Semi-centennial of its organization.
- 18.) Greensburg Female Seminary opened under the direction of Rev. Lucian Cort.
- 19.) Tohickon Classis organized (out of Goshenhoppen).
20. Died:—Rev. Theobald Fouse; Rev. John W. Hoffmeier; Rev. Oscar C. S. Herman; Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D.; Rev. Benjamin S. Schenck, D. D.; Rev. Christian Kessler.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Remigius	1 Tim. 5: 17	6 55		7	☾ ☿ ♄. ♃. ♃ sets 6 54	10 6	11 5	49 3
Saturday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 6:	7 20		19	☾ south 8 50	11 6	12 5	48 3
40] 19th Sunday after Trinity. Matth. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 11 hours, 34 min.									
Sunday	3 The two Ewaldes	Titus 1:	7 52		1	Sirius rises 12 58	11 6	13 5	47 4
Monday	4 Franciscus	" 2:	8 31		13	☾ in apo. ☿ in Perihel'n	11 6	15 5	45 5
Tuesday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 3:	9 20		26	☿ ☿ ♃. ☿ sets 6 44	12 6	16 5	44 6
Wednesday	6 Henry Albert	2 Tim. 1:	10 18		9	☿ gr. Elon. East	12 6	17 5	43 7
Thursday	7 Theodore Beza	" 2:	11 10		22	☾ 7. ☿ ☾ ☿. ☿ sets	12 6	19 5	41 7
Friday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3:	morn.		5	☾ 7* ris. 7 25 [11 14	12 6	20 5	40 8
Saturday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 4:	12 32		19	Rigel rises 9 47	13 6	21 5	39 9
41] 20th Sunday after Trinity. Matth. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 11 hours, 14 min.									
Sunday	10 Justus Jonas	Heb. 1:	1 52		3	☿ ☾ ♃. ♃ south 8 36	13 6	23 5	37 10
Monday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 2:	3 13		19	☾ sets 6 14	13 6	24 5	36 11
Tuesday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 3: 4:	4 10		3	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☿.	13 6	25 5	35 11
Wednesday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 5:	5 1		18	Arctur sets 8 10	13 6	27 5	33 12
Thursday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 6:	☾ rises.		3	☾ 14. Orion ris. 10 1	14 6	28 5	32 1
Friday	15 Aurelia	" 7:	5 57		18	Fomal south 9 28	14 6	29 5	31 2
Saturday	16 Gallus	" 8:	6 32		3	☾ in per. ☿ sets 11 1	14 6	31 5	29 3
42] 21st Sunday after Trinity, John 4: 46-54; Eph. 6: 10-20. Day's Length, 10 hours, 56 min.									
Sunday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	Heb. 9: 1-14	7 16		17	☾ sets 5 59	15 6	32 5	28 4
Monday	18 St. Luke	" 9: 15	8 8		1	☿ stationary	15 6	33 5	27 4
Tuesday	19 Bruno	" 10: 1-18	9 4		15	Altair south 9 6	15 6	35 5	25 5
Wednesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 10: 19-39	10 6		28	Antares sets 7 2	15 6	36 5	24 6
Thursday	21 Hilarion	" 11:	11 12		11	☾ 21st. ♃ south 8 6	15 6	37 5	23 7
Friday	22 Hedwig	" 12:	morn.		23	Sirius rises 11 49	15 6	38 5	22 7
Saturday	23 Henry Martin	" 13:	12 16		5	☿ ☿ ☿. ☿ enters ☿	16 6	39 5	21 8
43] 22d Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 18: 21-35; Phil. 1: 3-11. Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 min.									
Sunday	24 Arethas	Prov. 1: 2:	1 20		17	☾ stationary	16 6	41 5	19 9
Monday	25 John Herz	" 3:	2 22		29	☿ ☿ ♃. ☿ Neptune ☿	16 6	42 5	18 10
Tuesday	26 Frederick III.	" 4:	3 25		11	☿ ☿ ♃. ☿.	16 6	43 5	17 11
Wednesday	27 Frumentius	" 5: 1-19	4 23		23	☿ sets 10 48	16 6	44 5	16 12
Thursday	28 Simon and Jude	" 6: 20-7:	5 22		5	Rigel rises 9 25	16 6	45 5	15 1
Friday	29 Alfred the Great	" 8:	☾ sets.		17	☾ 29. ☿ ☿ ♃. ♃.	16 6	47 5	13 2
Saturday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 9:	5 40		29	☿ ☿ ☿ Inferior	16 6	48 5	12 2
44] 4th Sunday before Advent, Matth. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours, 22 min.									
Sunday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	John 21: 1-23	6 30		11	☿ in ☿. ☿ sets 5 35	16 6	49 5	11 3

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 11 o'clock, 5 min. Forenoon.
 Full Moon, 14th, 6 " 14 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 21st, 9 " 13 " Evening.
 New Moon, 29th, 12 " 12 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, cloudy, rainy; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, 31, clear, cold.

HOW THE DOOR IS GUARDED.

It is not easy to enter the ministry in the Reformed Church. That our people may know how carefully the door to the ministry is guarded, we will mention a few ways, in which it is done:—

1.) *By a long course of study.* A young man enters the practice of law, medicine or trade after two or three years' study. Not so here. We want an educated ministry, able to teach others. He shall have 1.) a *classical education* (languages, science, mathematics, history, and philosophy), fitting him to take an intelligent view of the whole world; 2.) a *theological education* (Exegesis, Church history, practical theology, &c.), giving him a broad view of things relating to his office and work.

2.) *This study is in the Institutions of the Church.* Our Church Colleges and Seminaries are managed by boards. These Boards are elected by the Synods, and annually report to them the condition and work of the Institutions. Indeed the Professors in the Theological Seminary are under oath (Con. Art. 19), rightly to prepare the young men for the ministry.

3.) *By frequent and severe examinations.* The students in the Theological Seminary are examined not only day by day in the class-room, but (1.) annually before the Board of Visitors, (2.) at the close of the course, that the Board may know who to recommend for licensure, and (3.) by the Committee (of Classis or Synod) on Examination and Licensure. These examinations are all public, and relate to orthodoxy, piety, and motives for entering the ministry. If his course has been only partial, the candidate's licensure requires a unanimous vote of the Classis. (Art. 5.)



This is the orphan or missionary box. They are packing it, and have great joy over it; but there will be equal joy at the other end of the story.

4.) *By Licensure.* This gives him authority to preach and to accept a call. Before receiving it, however, he must subscribe a very binding obligation (see Art. 4), declaring, as by oath, that he (1.) holds the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism; (2.) will faithfully preach and defend them; (3.) will comply with the rules and regulations of the Church; (4.) will cheerfully receive and submit to the admonitions and decisions of the Church.

5.) *By Ordination.* To appreciate this, read the solemn ordination service in the Order of Worship, pp. 114-123.

The people may object to his ordination—if he is a minor, of ill report, or without a call.

He is again most solemnly reminded of the responsibility of the work, the divine origin of the office, and warned to approach it with seriousness and godly fear, with solemn forethought and holy caution.

The ordination vows are most solemn. He accepts the Scriptures as the word of God, and his call to the ministry as from God, promising obedience to authority, and faithfulness in his office and work.

6.) *By Self-denial* is the door to the ministry guarded. (1.) No class of men work harder than ministers. Mental labor is more severe and exhausting than physical labor, though people generally do not know it. The brain is the basis of the physical; hence when the brain is tired, feverish, and throbbing, how can the flesh rest? Many a brain-worker goes to bed more tired and exhausted than the common laborer can be.

(2.) No class of men bear more vexations, wrongs, slights, insults, and annoyances; and these things must be borne in quietness. He may grit his teeth, but must keep his mouth shut.

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. Sun fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 All Saints	1 John 1: 2:	7 19		☾ in apo.	166 51	5 9	4 1
Tuesday	2 Victorinus	" 3:	8 16		Sirius rises 11 6	166 52	5 8	4 46
Wednesday	3 Pirminus	" 4:	9 20		♂ sets 10 40	166 53	5 7	5 30
Thursday	4 John A. Bengel	" 5:	10 10		♂ ☿. ♀ sets 5 34	166 54	5 6	6 18
Friday	5 Hans Egede	2 John	10 49		♂ in Perihelion. ♂	166 55	5 5	7 10
Saturday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	3 John	11 40		6th. ♂ ☿ ☿ [☿ ♂	166 56	5 4	7 54
45] 3d Sunday before Advent, Matth. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 6 min.								
Sunday	7 Willibrord	Rev. 1:	morn.		♂ stationary	166 57	5 3	8 42
Monday	8 Willehad	" 2:	12 50		7* south 12 44	166 58	5 2	9 30
Tuesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 3:	2 4		♀ in ☿. ♀.	166 59	5 1	10 22
Wednesday	10 Martin Luther	" 4; 5; 6:	3 14		Altair sets 11 12	167 05	0 11	12
Thursday	11 Martin of Tours	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	4 19		♀ sets 5 33	167 14	59	12 9
Friday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 9: 13-10; 11:	5 19		☿ ☿ ☿. ♀ sts. 11 41	167 34	57	1 1
Saturday	13 Arcadius	" 12: 13:	☾ rises.		13th. ☾ in per.	157 44	56	1 55
46] 2d Sunday before Advent, Matth. 25: 31-46; 2 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.								
Sunday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	Rev. 14: 1-13	5 49		♂ sets 10 31	157 54	55	2 46
Monday	15 John Kepler	" 14: 14-20	6 44		♂ gr. Elon. West	157 64	54	3 34
Tuesday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 15:	7 49		♂ rises 6 3	157 74	53	4 26
Wednesday	17 Bernward	" 16: 1-8	8 59		Aldebaran rises 6 2	157 84	52	5 16
Thursday	18 Greg. Illummat.	" 16: 9-21	10 1		♂ sets 11 23	157 84	52	5 58
Friday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 17:	11 10		19. Sirius ris. 10 0	147 94	51	6 44
Saturday	20 John Williams	" 18:	morn.		♀ sets 5 32	147 104	50	7 36
47] 1st Sunday before Advent, Matth. 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.								
Sunday	21 Columbanus	Rev. 19: 1-10	12 12		♂ ☿ h. Andromeda so.	147 114	49	8 24
Monday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	1 13		☿. ☿ enters ♄ [8 12	147 124	48	9 18
Tuesday	23 Clemens Roman.	" 20: 4-15	2 19		Orion rises 7 22	137 134	47	10 10
Wednesday	24 John Knox	" 21: 1-8	3 30		♂ sets 11 4	137 144	46	10 55
Thursday	25 Catharine	" 21: 9-22	4 42		♂ ☿ ☿. H stationary	137 154	45	11 48
Friday	26 Conrad	Psalm 96:	5 59		☾ ☿ ☿. ☿.	127 154	45	12 51
Saturday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 145:	☾ sets.		27th. ♂ sets 10 19	127 164	44	1 30
48] 1st Sunday in Advent, Matth. 21: 1-9; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.								
Sunday	28 Alex. Roussell	John 1: 1-14	5 22		☾ in apo. ☿ ris. 5 49. mor.	127 174	43	2 12
Monday	29 Saturninus	Gen. 2: 4-25	6 20		♂ ☿ ☿. ♀ sets 5 48	117 184	42	2 52
Tuesday	30 St. Andrew	Matt. 19: 1-12	7 31		Arietis south 9 32	117 184	42	3 31

(24) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 4th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	6th day,	4 o'clock,	52 min.	Morning.
Full Moon,	13th	" 4	" 29	" Morning.
Last Quarter,	19th	" 7	" 37	" Evening.
New Moon,	27th	" 6	" 44	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, windy; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, stormy, cold; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, cold.



(3.) No class of men are more poorly paid. If other men work hard and bear much, they have the satisfaction of laying by something, as the fruit of their care, for a rainy day; but nine-tenths of ministers live from hand to mouth. They can buy no home. Old age and sickness are before them. Their death will leave penniless widows and orphans—God pity them!

These remarks are not a complaint, but a simple statement of facts. It ill becomes a Christian minister to brood over these things as wrongs, to croak over his poverty, and grudgingly give the self-denial which he should cheerfully practice. But the statement belongs to the argument.

These forms of self-denial—hard work, great forbearance and poor pay—are a blessed safeguard to the holy office. If things were not so, it would soon be filled by those not earnestly in sympathy with Christ and His cause. But with all this staring him in the face, the young man who now enters the ministry, knowing these things, likely enters from pure motives, makes an earnest worker, and

endures "hardness" as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 2: 3.)

So in regard to these "guards" as a whole. He who patiently spends from six to ten years in preparatory study, undergoes the various prescribed examinations, binds himself by most solemn oaths to devote himself entirely to the work of the ministry, and all this in the face of such self-denial as is not found in any other calling,—may well be thought sincere, and will doubtless be a faithful minister.

THE CHURCH SECURED.

Young men studying for the ministry, but not able to pay their own way, have for years past been aided by the Church. They are called "Beneficiary Students." They are bound by word and honor to enter the holy ministry, and to spend their life in the service of the Church in this capacity, unless disabled.

In some cases young men have proved unfaithful to their sacred trust. Perhaps they turned back before entering the ministry; or, after entering it; or, entered the ministry in another denomination.

In any such case, of course, the young men were bound by every principle of honesty and right to refund to the Church the money they had received; but this was seldom done, and so the Church was grievously wronged. Its money was misspent, its time wasted and its confidence in the work shaken.

Accordingly a change has been made. The Classis of Mercersburg, in 1873, began to place its young men under a bond, with good security, for the payment of every dollar which the Church gives them in case they fail to enter the ministry, or enter it, but fail to labor in it for five years—cases of death or disability excepted. After five years' service, the bond becomes null and void.

In this way the Church can lose nothing from the unfaithfulness of young men, while also faithful young men can lose nothing by coming under such a bond.
































Several other Classes have placed also their Beneficiary Students under a similar bond. So the Church is secured in its Beneficiary funds.

More money is spent for tobacco in the United States than for bread. \$350,000,000 for tobacco: \$200,000,000 for flour, within the year!

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m. h. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Eligius	Eph. 5: 22-33	8 32		28 Sirius rises 9 6	11 7	19 4	41 4	16
Thursday	2 John Ruysbrock	1 Cor. 7:	9 21		11 Altair sets 9 32	10 7	19 4	41 5	5
Friday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 3:	10 17		24 h sets 10 40	10 7	20 4	40 5	45
Saturday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 8: 15-9: 17	10 48		8 D ó h. ó. ó sets 10 10	10 7	20 4	40 6	33
49] 2d Sunday in Advent, Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.									
Sunday	5 Crispin	Acts 17: 15-34	11 36		22 5th. ♀ sets 5 58	9 7	21 4	39 7	22
Monday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 15:	morn.		6 ♀ Ω. ♀ rises 5 31	9 7	21 4	39 8	12
Tuesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Deut. 5:	12 58		20 Regulus rises 10 21	8 7	22 4	38 9	4
Wednesday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Exodus 12:	2 12		5 ♀ in γ. Orion ris. 6 20	8 7	22 4	38 9	46
Thursday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Deut. 27:	3 30		20 Fomal sets 9 52	7 7	23 4	37 10	40
Friday	10 Paul Eber	Romans 7:	4 39		4 7* south 10 29	7 7	23 4	37 11	35
Saturday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Leviticus 16:	5 41		19 h sets 10 16	6 7	24 4	36 12	26
50] 3d Sunday in Advent, Matth. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.									
Sunday	12 Vicelin	Is. 40: John 5:	D rises.		3 12th. ♀ in per. ♀	6 7	24 4	36 1	19
Monday	13 Odilia	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	5 26		17 ♀ in Perihelior	5 7	24 4	36 2	0
Tuesday	14 Dioscorus	2 Samuel 7:	6 33		1 ♀ sets 6 8	5 7	24 4	36 2	52
Wednesday	15 Ember Day	Joel 3:	7 43		14 ♀ sets 9 58	5 7	25 4	35 3	48
Thursday	16 Adelheid	Jeremiah 23:	8 50		27 ♀ rises 4 52	4 7	25 4	35 4	32
Friday	17 Sturm	" 31:	10 10		10 Aldebaran south 10 51	4 7	25 4	35 5	16
Saturday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Isaiah 52: 13-53	11 21		22 Arietis south 8 16	3 7	25 4	35 6	6
51] 4th Sunday in Advent, John 1: 19-31; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	John 3: 23-36	morn.		4 19. ♀ in Aphelion	3 7	25 4	35 6	56
Monday	20 Abraham	Isaiah 42:	12 18		16 ♀ Ω. h sets 9 45	2 7	25 4	35 7	48
Tuesday	21 Thomas	" 55:	1 17		28 ♀ sets 6 20	2 7	25 4	35 8	34
Wednesday	22 Hugh McKail	" 58:	2 16		10 ☉ ent. ♄. Shortest day	1 7	26 4	34 9	20
Thursday	23 Anna du Bourg	Isaiah 9: 2-7: Heb. 1:	3 12		22 Winter commences	1 7	25 4	35 10	12
Friday	24 Adam and Eve	Psalms 2: 1-10:	4 29		4 ♀ D ♄. ♄ rises 4 25	sun 7	25 4	35 10	54
Saturday	25 Christmas	Isaiah 11: 1-10:	5 36		16 D in apo ♄ sets 9 46	st. w. 7	25 4	35 11	41
52] Sunday after Christmas, Matth. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	26 Stephen	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	6 50		28 ♀ ♄ ☉ Superior	1 7	25 4	35 12	35
Monday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	D sets.		11 27th. ♀ D ♄	1 7	25 4	35 1	29
Tuesday	28 Innocents	" 49:	5 42		24 ♀ Orion south 11 18	2 7	25 4	35 2	19
Wednesday	29 David	Romans 8:	6 50		4 ♀ D ♄. ♄ sets 6 30	2 7	25 4	35 3	6
Thursday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemberg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	8 10		21 Sirius south 12 4	3 7	24 4	36 3	46
Friday	31 John Wicliff	Psalms 90: 103:	9 21		5 ♀ D h. h sets 9 12	3 7	24 4	36 4	2

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th day, 8 o'clock, 56 min. Evening.
 Full Moon, 12th " 2 " 45 " Afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 19th " 9 " 55 " Morning.
 New Moon, 27th " 2 " 4 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain; 4, 5, 6, clear, cold; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, snow; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, N. W. cold; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, rain and snow.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The Christian Church is a real kingdom. Its laws and authority are from God. To receive men into this Kingdom, and to cast men out, are called opening and shutting the Kingdom of Heaven, by the power of the keys.

Discipline is the exercise of the authority, and the application of the laws, of the Church, as Christ appointed, in order to preserve its purity and honor.

Men become liable to discipline by a wicked life, error in doctrine, or neglect of duty. The degrees of discipline are admonition, suspension, and excommunication.

The penalties of the Church are not civil (fines, imprisonment, &c.), but greater than these, namely, exclusion from Church privileges (Art. 24), the severest punishment possible.

HAS DISCIPLINE ANY FORCE?

Does it really affect the relation of the individual to God? May men snap their finger in the face of the Church, and safely defy its authority?

By no means. The authority of the state is real; so of societies and associations. How then can it be empty and meaningless in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? Look at it in another light. If reception into the Church is real, valid, and of force, how can discipline be less so?

Its force is seen in the fact, that church officers act for Christ, in His name and by His authority (Matt. 18: 18; Rom. 13: 1-5; 1 Cor. 5: 1-13;



WASHINGTON crossed the Delaware River, on Christmas night, 1777, to surprise the Hessian troops at Trenton, New Jersey. Next day he won a great victory over the enemy.

2 Thess. 3: 6, 11-15; Luke 10: 16). Discipline is thus simply the exercise of the Kingly office of Christ in the world, and surely not an empty form.

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF DISCIPLINE?

1) To preserve the purity and honor of the Church. Hence officers have no right to neglect it. The

“holy” Church cannot wink at unholiness; nor can it allow stumbling-blocks to endanger souls without, as well as within.

2) For the good of the individual. It is not revenge, but wholesome correction. Like the family rod, the sword of the magistrate, and the medicine of the physician, it leads to spiritual health. Cut off from the Father’s table, the man often comes to true hunger.

THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY.

Discipline is not easy. Many hindrances are in the way. The following are some of them:—

1) The painful delicacy of many cases.

2) A lack of moral courage in bringing charges, bearing witness, &c. Many good people want others disciplined, but will not take any of the necessary trouble and responsibility. They want the pastor to do all; that is, they tie his hands by silence, and then tell him to act.

3,) The fear of wronging men. The Church is the most merciful organization in the world—bearing, believing, and hoping all things, carrying men on its hands of kindness and prayer, till forbearance ceases to be a virtue. Its slowness to discipline is

often not neglect but mercy. It gives men every possible chance to return to a better life. But its mercy is often misunderstood; yea, also abused by those who enjoy it.

4) Charges are often hard to prove. Sins are covered, or done where good people do not go. Reports are hard to trace. Many people will circulate charges but not testify on them. The main witnesses are often not members.

5) So many people do not appreciate the authority of the Church, and therefore are indifferent to it, or even defy it. They say, "We will enter another denomination"; and too often they are encouraged in their defiance.

Considering all these difficulties, how unreasonable it is to find so much fault with Church officers in the matter! Often a man is disciplined by admonition or suspension, and very few know anything about it. Suspension need not be made public. Or, perhaps, the man confesses his sin and promises amendment; but of all this men know nothing, and think nothing has been done. Indeed this very man, may, through wickedness and weakness, repeat his sin, and greatly shame the Church; but the officers are not to be blamed.

LESSONS.

1) The necessity of understanding this subject as taught in the Catechism and Constitution. Let it not be slighted in Catechization.

2) The necessity of careful Christian living, lest we become liable to discipline. Let catechumens be well warned.

3) The necessity of humbly, penitently, and earnestly yielding to discipline, in all its degrees, as the voice and authority of God. Be not angry, indifferent, or stubborn, and thus endanger your soul.

4) The necessity of members and officers upholding the good name and holy character of the Church, by godly living and by helping others to a proper life. Report those in danger (not as tale-bearers, but in love); but first yourself try to win them. Especially is this the duty of elders and deacons. How strange to keep these things from the minister.

What is the difference between Classis and Synod? Between College and Seminary? Between Charge and Congregation? As these words are often wrongly used, it is worth while to study their meaning.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

Of the Synod of the United States, the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania.....	Lenhardtsville, Berks Co., Pa.....	May 4th, 1875.
Lebanon.....	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.....	June 3d, 1875.
Philadelphia.....	Trappe Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.....	June 11th, 1875.
Goshenhoppen.....	Sumneytown, Montgomery Co., Pa.....	June 3d, 1875.
Tohickon.....	Riegelsville, Pa.....	June 6th, 1875.
New York.....	St. John's Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.....	June 8th, 1875.
Lancaster.....	Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.....	June 3d, 1875.
East Susquehanna.....	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.....	June 3d, 1875.
West Susquehanna.....	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.....	May 5th, 1875.
Philadelphia (German).....	Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	September 15th, 1874.
Westmoreland.....	Emmanuel Church.....	June 11th, 1875.
Clarion.....	Red Bank, Pa.....	May 6th, 1875.
St. Paul's.....	Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.....	June 6th, 1875.
West New York.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	May 2d, 1875.
Allegheny.....	Zion's Church, Hiland ave., Pittsburgh.....	May 27th, 1875.
Somerset.....	Myersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.....	June 4th, 1875.
Zion's.....	Dover, York Co., Pa.....	April 29th, 1875.
Maryland.....	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.....	April 21st, 1875.
Mercersburg.....	Waynesboro', Franklin Co., Pa.....	April 15th, 1875.
Virginia.....	Shepherdstown, West Va.....	May 6th, 1875.
North Carolina.....	Pleasant Retreat, Davidson Co., N. C.....	

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1873, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1874.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
OSCAR C. S. HERMAN.....	Sept. 1872.....	.....	Kutztown, Pa.....	Sept. 5th, 1873.....	25
SAMUEL MILLER.....	Oct. 12th, 1842.....	May 10th, 1843.....	Philadelphia.....	Oct. 11th, 1873.....	59
BENJAMIN S. SCHNECK, D. D.....	Sept. 6th, 1825.....	Sept. 5th, 1826.....	Chambersburg, Pa.....	April 19th, 1874.....	69
JOHN ARDUSSER.....	May, 1869.....	....., 1869.....	Graubunden, Switzerland.....	May 17th, 1874.....	30
CHRISTIAN KESSLER.....	June, 1871.....	....., 1872.....	Lehighon, Pa.....	May 26th, 1874.....	29
JACOB DAHLMAN.....	Oct. 12th, 1842.....	May 10th, 1843.....	Philadelphia.....	Aug. 1st, 1874.....	74

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The items in the following Table are taken from the latest published Minutes of each Synod.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received on Certificate.	Communed.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Contributions.
United States.....	9	192	427	64,129	32,514	6,900	3,864	1,414	51,031	1	1,138	3,018	459	27,084	33	\$41,101.67
Ohio.....	10	144	338	23,083	12,778	2,118	1,434	667	18,794	195	306	526	227	16,188	8	12,767.02
North-West.....	8	109	179	12,717	10,877	1,463	786	1,001	10,681	52	176	420	133	6,810	2	8,486.95
Pittsburgh.....	6	60	133	10,276	8,936	1,044	583	267	8,613	11	137	380	104	5,840	...	11,157.89
Potomac.....	5	92	248	25,587	16,744	1,984	1,123	411	21,887	14	269	859	214	13,210	24	12,724.92
Total.....	38	597	1,325	135,792	82,249	13,509	7,790	3,760	111,006	273	2,026	5,203	1,137	69,132	67	\$86,238.45

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
<i>English—</i>			
Reformed Church Messenger.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.....	1827.
Christian World.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	".....	1848.
Reformed Missionary.....	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa.....	Monthly.....	1860.
The Guardian.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	".....	1850.
Child's Treasury.....	" " " ".....	Semi-monthly.....	1859.
Mercersburg Review.....	" " " ".....	Quarterly.....	1849.
Our Church Paper.....	82 Third Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.....	Every other week.....	1873.
Reformed Church Herald.....	Bethlehem, Pa.....	Monthly.....	1873.
College Days.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	".....	1873.
Heidelberg Teacher.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	".....	1873.
Leaves of Light.....	" " " ".....	Semi-monthly.....	1873.
<i>German—</i>			
Reformirte Kirchenzeitung.....	1300 N. Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.....	1838.
Der Evangelist.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	".....	1856.
Reformirte Hausfreund.....	Reading, Pa.....	Every other week.....	1866.
Der Lammherde.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Monthly.....	1859.
Morgen-Stern.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	".....	1863.

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Franklin and Marshall College.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D., LL. D.
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LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.....	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT.....	85
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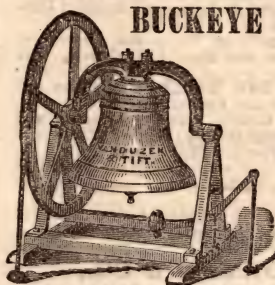
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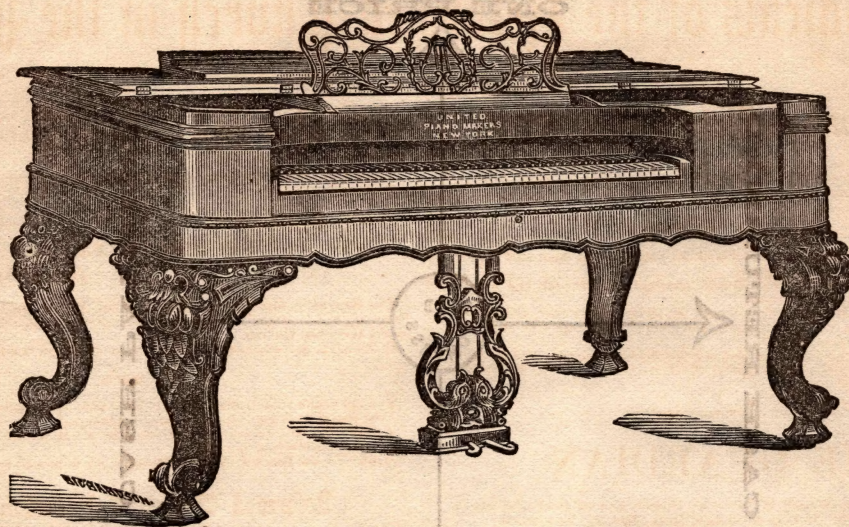
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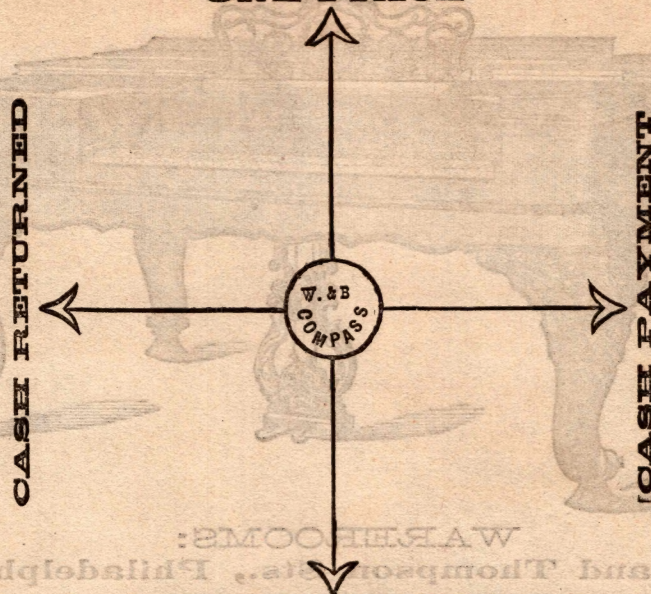
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